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Dear Ms Hesse:

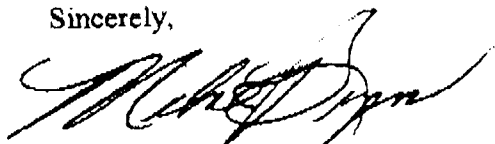
It is time to move on! The recent settlement offer by Microsoft Corporation appears to be a win-win situation. The U.S. Justice Department and the Federal Court can turn a very negative and potentially damaging lawsuit into an exciting and positive outcome for our nation's technology industry and consumers.

On behalf of our chambers twenty-eight board of directors and 1200 plus members, I am writing to ask that you dismiss the remaining lawsuits and accept the terms of the most recent settlement offer.

Settling is the best solution to the lengthy and expensive lawsuit. Though terms of the agreement may not satisfy Microsoft's competitors, it will, in the end, benefit consumers most.

I hope you agree with me that for the good of our nations' economy, business environment and consumer, a settlement is the best solution.

Sincerely,



Mike Byers  
President  
Humble Area Chamber of Commerce

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